



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, September 9th, 2018
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

****Indicates congregation is invited to stand as able***

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, before time and creation, you were there, uncreated; beyond the limits of the universes, you are there, and have no end. This is beyond our comprehension for you are not like us. We are creatures and you alone are God. We do not understand all things from beginning to end. Help us to trust you, for you are good. In the name of Jesus Christ, who revealed you and your purpose. Amen.

Music for Gathering “Chorale: He Knows Best” (Bach) Mark Anderson

Opportunities for Life and Service John Nelson

Morning Chimes Mark Anderson

*The Introit “God is Here”
(Tune: Hymn to Joy, #1)

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

*Call to Worship Joel Russell-MacLean
Welcome

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Welcoming One Another

We Approach God

*Reflective Moment

“Sanctuary”

John Thompson & Randy Scroggs

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.**

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

Joel Russell-MacLean

*Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

#66

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn and are welcome to remain at the front. Colouring and activity sheets are available and the nursery is open to infants and toddlers.

Children’s Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Gift of Music

Sanctuary Choir

We Listen to God

Scripture Reader

Ali Miller

Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3.1-14

(O.T. pg. 616)

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 31

Leader: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

Choir: For my life is used up with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery,

All: But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

Leader: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies.

Choir: Let your face shine upon your servant;

All: Save me in your steadfast love.

(Con’t, see over)

Leader: Love the Lord, all you his saints.

Choir: *The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.*

All: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

*Gloria Patri #623

Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson: The Gospel According to Matthew 5.43-48

(N.T. pg. 5)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn of Preparation

“Immortal, Invisible”

#25

Sermon

“Our Times are in God’s Hands”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“My Times Are In Your Hands”

My times are in your hands, my God I place them there.

My life, my friends, my family: (I give them into your care. *(repeat)*)

My times are in your hands, whatever they may be;

Dark or bright, you are always near, (guiding me to my home. *(repeat)*)

Our times are in your hands, Jesus the crucified.

With a crown of thorns and a pierced side,

The Wounded Lamb is our guide. *(repeat)*

Our time are in your hands, we’ll always trust in you.

And at our death, we’ll be at your side, (at your side forever. *(repeat)*)

Prayers of the People

John Nelson

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts & Offerings

(By Request)

Becky Findlay

*Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord”

**Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow,
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name!
Praise his holy name! Praise his holy name!
To God be the glory now and forever, praise his holy name!**

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Trust in the Lord” (Innes)

Mark Anderson

Deacon on Duty:

Collin Carbno

Anyone desiring prayer is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary on the right hand side. One of our deacons will be there to listen and to pray with you.

BBQ downstairs following our worship service. All welcome!

Learning for Life begins next week, 9:30. Three options:

“A Christian Perspective on Work” with Len Pauls and Derrick Bellows.

“Basic Christianity” with Ron Phillips.

“Thrive” for families, with Deirdre Sentis. A 15 minute teaching video, discussion, and weekly family activity.

First Baptist Church Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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